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for Gathering
Information**

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The Listening Post *

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An Update From Talking Books

In our last newsletter (Summer 2003) we conveyed to you that one of the effects the state of Kentucky's financial problems has had on the Talking Book Library was the inability to fill three staff vacancies.

While the loss of an Electronic Technician and two staff members in the Circulation area has put an added burden on the remaining staff, we feel it has significantly affected the quality of service we believe you deserve.

Some areas that have been affected are:

- Librarian interaction with patrons
- Filling your book requests in a timely manner
- Inspection of incoming cassette books
- Repair and replacement of damaged cassette books which result in fewer copies to circulate
- Duplication and circulation of Kentucky magazines such as Cat's Pause
- Duplication and circulation of Kentucky books
- Repair and circulation of Descriptive Videos

While we are grateful to those of you who sent in donations to help offset some of our financial problems, we would like to take this opportunity to suggest that you contact your respective state legislator and voice your concerns about the effects that the budget cuts have had on your talking book service.

If you do not know your state representative or how to contact them, please call us at 1-800-372-2968 and we will provide you with that information; or you can contact your local county clerk's office.

Dates to Remember

The Talking Book Library will be closed on the following days:

November 11: Veteran's Day
November 27 & 28: Thanksgiving
December 9: Governor's Inauguration Day
December 15 & 16: Collection Maintenance Days
December 25 & 26: Christmas **
January 1 & 2, 2004: New Year's **
January 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

**** Dates subject to change due to change in administration.**

Please make a note of these days as there will be no one available to answer your phone calls.

The Talking Book Library closes for about an hour and a half once a month for a staff meeting. If you call at that time, you will get a recorded message. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



DONATIONS

Since our last
newsletter in the

summer of 2003, we have received
over \$1860.00 in donations. Thanks
to everyone for your generosity.



The Estate of Hobart Whitman
Family & Child Ecology Dept.
Michigan State University in
memory of Arthur Meece

William Feiler
Anne P. Kirkpatrick
Joseph S. Wile, Sr.
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Raymond Grott
Elsie May Ivy
Florence Baird
Marvin & Nina Easley
John & Billie Harmon
Neil Ryan Maxey, J.D.
Louella Walker
Izetta Jackson

Country Music Magazine

Country Music Magazine
has ceased it's print version
as of the August/September
issue. Due to budget
restraints and lack of staff,
we will not be replacing this
magazine. Hopefully, when
our budget situation
improves, we will be able to
provide another country
music magazine.

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